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SUBJECT: 1975/76 LECTURER NOMINATIONS

1. EMBASSY REGRETS INFORM CU/EE ITS PROPOSED COMENIUS UNIVERSITY LECTURER FOR FY 76, HOWARD CALLAS, HAS RECEIVED OFFER FROM SAUDI ARABIA OF SUCH DISTINCT FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST AS TO EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE HIS EXTENSION FOR SECOND YEAR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. TELEGRAPHIC OFFER FROM CONTRACTOR RECEIVED BY CALLAS, MARCH 19.

2. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY NOW FULLY SUPPORTS EARLIER BFS PROPOSAL OF LIHANI AS COMENIUS LECTURER AND REQUESTS CU/EE PURSUE REACTIVATION HIS CANDIDACY. EMBASSY WILL RENEW DISCUSSIONS WITH SLOVAK MINED WITHIN WEEK AND WOULD HOPE CU/EE CAN PROVIDE CONFIRMATION CONTINUED AVAILABILITY LIHANI ASAP.

3. IN REVIEW PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE ENTIRE QUESTION FY 76 LECTURERS, EMBASSY HAS TAKEN PARTICULAR NOTE OF VALUABLE CU GUIDANCE OFFERED IN STATE 28707 AND INTENDS TO PROCEED ON BASIS SAME IN LOCAL DISCUSSIONS ON BOTH PRAGUE AND BRATISLAVA LECTURERS UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY CU.

4. IN ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH LIHANI, EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST REFERENCE TO COMMENDABLE RESULTS CALLAS ADMINISTRATIVE/ACADEMIC GROUNDWORK DURING THIS YEAR AND OPPORTUNITY LIHAI WILL HAVE TO

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BUILD ON THAT FOUNDATION IN COMING YEAR. CALLAS WAS ACADEMIC ACTIVIS

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WHOSE ENERGIES WILL BE MISSED BY EMBASSY AND WHO FULLY DESERVED
GENEROUS, IF OTHERWISE REGRETTABLE, SAUDI OFFER.

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